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IN THE SPECIFICATION -

Please enter amended page 5 line 18 as follows,

In order to stabilize the front wheel to prevent side to side movement and to permit it to rotate freely during pedaling action, (though rotation is not related to pedaling speed) it is suggested that the front wheel be raised off the ground or off the platform as will be discussed infra. The cradles 14, seen in both Figure 2 and in Figure 10 serve this function. Each cradle 14 has a pair of upwardly converging legs. The legs are connected at their widest end (the bottom) by a horizontal connector 15B. A roller bearing containing yoke 16 receives an extended axle 24 on each side of the wheel seat 38, - Figure 2 - to raise the front wheel off the ground and stabilize it against side to side movement. Each cradle may be mounted directly to the platform, 43 as by bolting, or to one of alignment members 47 if such are employed, as by also being bolted thereto. Whether the front wheel is raised or not, has no bearing on the operation of this apparatus.

IN THE CLAIMS -

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